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SEED REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme to bring a seed revolution by using the network of Post Offices and Krishi Vigyan Kendras;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the benefits accrued by the scheme; and

(c) the total number of States which are included under the scheme including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 641 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country to bridge the gap between the technology developed at the research institute and to facilitate the efforts of the main extension system. The KVKs take up a number of activities for assessment and demonstration of technology/product and its dissemination through a number of extension programmes. The activities and programme of KVKs include testing and demonstration of agriculture technologies in farmers fields; training of farmers and extension personnel; and creation of awareness on improved technology through various extension programmes. Besides, the KVKs produce seeds and planting materials for its availability to farmers. During the last year, 1.57 lakh quintal seeds of improved varieties and hybrids of cereals, oilseeds, pulses, commercial crops, vegetables, flowers, fruits, spices, fodder, forest species, medicinal plants and fibre crops, were produced and provided to 2.61 lakh farmers. A total of 33 number of States/Union territories are covered under these KVKs including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand.